GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RURAL WATER CONSERVATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had launched any scheme for the construction of new water tanks in the entire country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the total expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(d) whether the Government have received any proposals from State Governments forthe institution of Prime Minister Rural Water Conservation scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) if not, the alternative scheme Government propose to launch for water scarcity hit rural areas of the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) No Sir.
(b) & (c) Does not arise.
(d) No, Sir.
(e) Does not arise.
(f) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject.The Central Government assists the States in this task by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). 5% of the funds released to the States under ARWSP is to beearmarked for taking up projects for sustainability of sources and systems including rain water harvesting, creation of new tanks for water conservation, ground water re-charge, etc. The State Governments have been requested to take up more and more projects under this scheme to solve water scarcity in rural areas.